

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pursuant to the requirement of 37 CFR 1.121(b), and as stated above, please substitute and replace all the claim sheets, as amended and as originally filed, with the above amended set of claims. The following claim rejections and objections were noted from the Office Action dated April 25, 2005 and pursuant to each paragraph, presented in the same order, arguments follow.

Claim Objections

In response to this objection, the claims have been amended to include proper recitations and now overcome all the claim objections stated in the Office Action.

Objections to Drawings under – 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(5)

In response to this objection, recitation of the numbered element 16 have been entered into the specification with a substitute paragraph, describing the upwardly extending cam member 16.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

9. *Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hawie et al. (U.S. 4,463,482) in view of Hermann (U.S. 4,901,408).*

In response to this rejection, Applicant has made amendments to the claims that are now structurally different from the Hawie et al. patent, in view of Hermann. Actually, the Hermann patent is the same inventor as the present invention, and the recitation of the upwardly extending cam member 16 is not found in the prior art cited against us. The combination of a needle securement with a slant-faced clip and an upwardly extending cam member is neither taught, suggested nor disclosed by the prior art.

For the reasons above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4 are now in condition for allowance, and requests that the Examiner give such an allowance.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her thorough examination, and hopes, that by these Amendments, the subject matter of the present invention is now more clearly stated, such that a closer review of the present invention, in light of the amendments and arguments made here, will give solid support for an allowance. Consequently, Applicant requests reconsideration in the instant Application and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection and objection in view of the amendments and the following discussion.

If the Examiner feels that the prosecution of this Application can be expedited by conversation, she is courteously requested to place a telephone call to Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

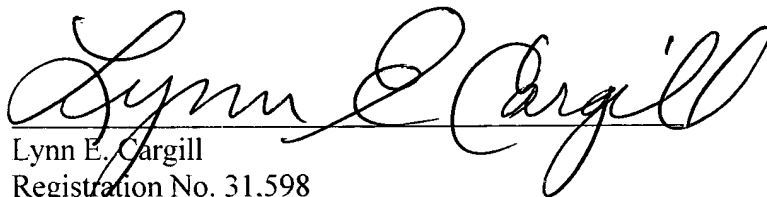
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In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the remaining claims now distinguish over the prior art and are allowable. For the reasons discussed above, it is believed that this Application is now in an allowable condition such that it is appropriate to hereby respectfully solicit its allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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